

Subpart 509.5—Organizational Conflicts of Interest

509.503 Waiver.

The Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy approves requests to waive the general rules or procedures of FAR Subpart 9.5.

509.507 Procedures.

If a potential contractor disagrees with the contracting officer's resolution of a potential organizational conflict of interest (see FAR 9.507(b)(4)), the matter must be referred to the Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy for a determination.

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511.001 Definitions.

Dual systems mean the use of both inch-pound and metric systems. For example, an item is designed, produced, and described in inch-pound values with soft metric values also shown for information or comparison purposes.

Hybrid systems mean the use of both inch-pound and hard metric values in specifications, standards, supplies, and

services; e.g., an engine with internal parts in metric dimensions and external fittings or attachments in inch-pound dimensions.

Metric system means the International System of Units established by the General Conference of Weights and Measures in 1960. The units are listed in Federal Standard 376A, "Preferred Metric Units for General Use by the Federal Government."

Soft metric means the result of mathematical conversion of inch-pound measurements to metric equivalents in specifications, standards, supplies, and services. The physical dimensions are not changed.

Specification Manager means an official of the Federal Supply Service office responsible for Federal or Interim Federal Specifications (or the program office for other than Federal specifications) and for reviewing requests for a deviation from a specification.

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511.002 Policy.

Consistent with the policy expressed in FAR 11.002(b) and GSA Order ADM 8000.1A, solicitations must include specifications and purchase descriptions stated in metric units of measurement whenever metric is the accepted industry system. If metric is not the accepted industry system, the head of Central Office Services responsible for nationwide programs shall ensure that policies promoting and encouraging the use of soft metric, hybrid, or dual systems are developed, except when to do so would be detrimental to the program mission. Whenever possible, commercially developed metric specifications and internationally or domestically developed voluntary standards using metric measurements must be adopted. While an industry is in transition to metric, solicitations must include specifications and purchase descriptions stated in soft metric, hybrid, or dual systems, except when impractical or inefficient.

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